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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Masanobu SAITO, et al.) : Examiner: Sophia S. Chen
Application No.: 10/714,636) : Group Art Unit: 2852
Filed: November 18, 2003) : Confirmation No.: 3255
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS) : July 29, 2005

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Commissioner for Patents
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SUBMISSION OF REPLACEMENT SHEETS OF THE DRAWINGS

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of an Official Action, dated April 29, 2005, in the above-identified application. A Response to the Official Action is due on July 29, 2005, and is being filed concurrently herewith.

Enclosed are six (6) replacement sheets of corrected formal drawings to be substituted for the corresponding sheets presently on file in the application. In the substitute sheets, reference numerals "36" and "37" and their respective lead lines have been deleted from Figures 1, 3, and 10; reference character "A" and its lead line has been deleted from Figures 1 and 2; reference characters "12Bk", "12C", "12M", and "12Y" and their respective lead lines have been deleted from Figure 1; reference characters "14Bk", "14C", "14M", and "14Y" and their respective lead lines have been deleted from Figures 1

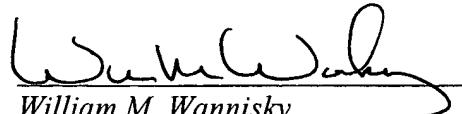
and 13; reference characters "11Bk", "11C", "11M", and "11Y" and their respective lead lines have been deleted from Figures 1 and 13; reference characters "18Bk", "18C", "18M", and "18Y" and their respective lead lines have been deleted from Figures 1, 3, 10, 13, and 14; and reference characters "20Bk", "20C", "20M", and "20Y" and their respective lead lines have been deleted from Figure 13; reference numeral "17" has been added to Figure 2 to overcome objections set forth in the Official Action..

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

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